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In re the Application of:

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ELECTROLUMINESCENT ELEMENT EMPLOYING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2007, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, compound (11 (specification page 11)) (Synthesis Example 6 (specification pages 26 and 27) and Example 4 (specification page 29)), for initial examination in this application. Claims 1-4 read on the compound (11).

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of the compounds disclosed in the examples of the specification are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search would necessarily encompass all compounds. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that search and examination of all species herein could be made without serious burden.

For at least the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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